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File an original with NLRB Regional Director for the region in which the alleged unfair labor practice occurred or is occurring.

1. EMPLOYER AGAINST WHOM CHARGE IS BROUGHT

Form NLRB - 501 (3-21)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD
CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER

INSTRUCTIONS:

a. Name of Employer Tesla		b. Tel. No. (407)723-5613		
		c. Cell No.		
		The state of the s		
d. Address (Street, city, state, and ZIP code) 1051 Sand Lake Rd	e. Employer Representative (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	f. Fax No.		
Orlando, FL 32809		g. e-mail		
		h. Number of Workers Employed		
	10-10 10 400 0 427 - 10 - 10	20		
i. Type of Establishment (factory, mine,	j. Identify Principal Product or Service			
wholesaler, etc.)				
Auto repair shop	Auto repairs			
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3. Full name of party filing charge (if labor organiz (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	ation, give full name, including local name and numb	per)		
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I declare that I have read the above charge:	ARATION and that the statements are true to the best of my ge and belief.	Tel No (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		
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April 1, 2022



Re: Tesla

Case 12-CA-293359

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

The charge that you filed in this case on April 01, 2022, has been docketed as case number 12-CA-293359. This letter tells you how to contact the Board agent who will be investigating the charge, explains your right to be represented, discusses presenting your evidence, and provides a brief explanation of our procedures, including how to submit documents to the NLRB.

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In addition, either you or your representative must complete the enclosed Commerce Questionnaire to enable us to determine whether the NLRB has jurisdiction over this dispute. If you recently submitted this information in another case, or if you need assistance completing the form, please contact the Board agent.

We will not honor requests to limit our use of position statements or evidence. Specifically, any material you submit may be introduced as evidence at a hearing before an administrative law judge regardless of claims of confidentiality. However, certain evidence produced at a hearing may be protected from public disclosure by demonstrated claims of confidentiality.

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Enclosures:

- 1. Copy of Charge
- 2. Commerce Questionnaire

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	QUESTIONNAIRE ON COMMERCE INFORMATION				
Ple	ase read carefully, answer all applicable items, and return to the NLRB Office. If additional space is required, please add a pa	age and i	dentify item number.		
CA	SE NAME		NUMBER 293359		
1.	EXACT LEGAL TITLE OF ENTITY (As filed with State and/or stated in legal documents forming entity)				
2.	TYPE OF ENTITY				
[]	CORPORATION [] LLC [] LLP [] PARTNERSHIP [] SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP [] OTH	ER (Spe	cify)		
3.	IF A CORPORATION or LLC				
	STATE OF INCORPORATION B. NAME, ADDRESS, AND RELATIONSHIP (e.g. parent, subsider FORMATION)	idiary) O	F ALL RELATED	ENTITIES	
4.	IF AN LLC OR ANY TYPE OF PARTNERSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF ALL MEMBERS OR PAR	TNERS			
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5.	IF A SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP, FULL NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROPRIETOR				
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6.	BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE NATURE OF YOUR OPERATIONS (Products handled or manufactured, or nature of the product of the prod	fservices	performed).		
7 A	PRINCIPAL LOCATION: 7B. BRANCH LOCATIONS:				
722	7B. Billion S.				
8.	NUMBER OF PEOPLE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED				
	A. TOTAL: B. AT THE ADDRESS INVOLVED IN THIS MATTER:				
9.	DURING THE MOST RECENT (Check the appropriate box): [] CALENDAR [] 12 MONTHS or [] FISC	AL YEA	R (FYDATES_)
Α.	D.1 .1 .1 .1	1	YES	NO	
A.	Did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers outside your State? If no, indicate actual va	ilue.			
B.	B. If you answered no to 9A, did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 to customers in your State who purchased goods valued in excess of \$50,000 from directly outside your State? If no, indicate the value of any such services you provided. \$				
C.	C. If you answered no to 9A and 9B, did you provide services valued in excess of \$50,000 to public utilities, transit systems, newspapers, health care institutions, broadcasting stations, commercial buildings, educational institutions, or retail concerns? If less than \$50,000, indicate amount. \$\sum_{\text{systems}}\$				
D.	Did you sell goods valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located outside your State? If less than \$50,000, in amount. \$	dicate			
E.	If you answered no to 9D, did you sell goods valued in excess of \$50,000 directly to customers located inside your State	who		+	
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 $[\]\ \$100,000\ [\]\ \$250,000\ [\]\ \$500,000\ [\]\ \$1,000,000\ or\ more\ If\ less\ than\ \$100,000,\ indicate\ amount.$

11. REPRESENTATIVE BEST QUALIFIED TO GIVE FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR OPERATIONS

TITLE

Gross Revenues from all sales or performance of services (Check the largest amount)

Did you begin operations within the last 12 months? If yes, specify date:

[] YES [] NO (If yes, name and address of association or group).

H.

NAME

| 12. AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE COMPLETING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE | NAME AND TITLE (Type or Print) | SIGNATURE | E-MAIL ADDRESS | DATE |

10. ARE YOU A MEMBER OF AN ASSOCIATION OR OTHER EMPLOYER GROUP THAT ENGAGES IN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING?

PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

E-MAIL ADDRESS

TEL. NUMBER

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD

AMENDED CHARGE AGAINST EMPLOYER

INSTRUCTIONS:

12-CA-293359 Date Filed

12-CA-293359 06/09/2022

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

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On or about (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2022, the Employer discriminated against employee (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) by suspending in retaliation for and or in order to discourage protected concerted activities. On or about (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2022, the Employer discriminated against employee (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) by discharging and or in order to discourage protected concerted activities. Within the past 6 months, the ER has instructed employees not to discuss wages and other terms and conditions of employment with coworkers. Full name of party filing charge (if labor organization, give full name, including local name and number) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)umber, city, state, and ZIP code) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C 4d. Fax No. b) (b) 5. Full name of national or international labor organization of which it is an affiliate or constituent unit (to be filled in when charge is filed by a labor organization) 6. DECLARATION (b) (6), (b) (7)(0 arge and that the statements are true to the best of my (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) wledge and belief. Office, if any, Cell No. an individual (Print/type name and title or office, if king charge) Fax No. any) Address: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Date:

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cc: David R. Broderdorf, Esq.
Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP
1111 Pennsylvania Ave NW
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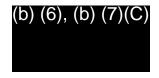


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Charged Party / Respondent Tesla, Inc.	IVE OF				
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August 15, 2022



Re: Tesla

Case 12-CA-293359

Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

This is to advise you that I have approved your request to withdraw the portions of the charge in Case 12-CA-293359 alleging that Tesla (the Employer) suspended you on or about (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2022 and discharged you on or about (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2022, because you engaged in protected concerted activity and in order to discourage protected concerted activities in violation of Section 8(a)(1) of the Act.

The remaining allegation will be processed further.

Very truly yours,

/s/ David Cohen

David Cohen Regional Director

cc: David R. Broderdorf, Esq. Morgan, Lewis & Bockius, LLP 1111 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington, DC 20004-2541

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD REGION 12

TESLA, INC.

and

Case 12-CA-293359

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) an Individual

COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF HEARING

This Complaint and Notice of Hearing is based on a charge filed by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) individual (the Charging Party). It is issued pursuant to Section 10(b) of the National Labor Relations Act (the Act), 29 U.S.C. § 151 et seq., and Section 102.15 of the Rules and Regulations of the National Labor Relations Board (the Board) and alleges that Tesla, Inc. (Respondent) violated the Act as described below.

1.

- (a) The original charge in Case 12-CA-293359 was filed by the Charging Party on April 1, 2022, and a copy was served on Respondent by U.S. mail on the same date.
- (b) The amended charge in Case 12-CA-293359 was filed by the Charging Party on June 9, 2022, and a copy was served on Respondent by U.S. mail on June 10, 2022.

2.

(a) At all material times, Respondent has been a Delaware corporation with its headquarters in Austin Texas, and facilities throughout the United States, including an office and place of business located at 1051 Sand Lake Road in Orlando, Florida (Respondent's Orlando facility), and has been engaged in the design, manufacture, sale, service and repair of electric vehicles and other products.

- (b) During the past 12 months, Respondent, in conducting its operations as described in paragraph 2(a), derived gross revenues in excess of \$500,000.
- (c) During the past 12 months, Respondent, in conducting its operations as described in paragraph 2(a), purchased and received goods at Respondent's Orlando facility valued in excess of \$50,000 directly from points located outside the State of Florida.
- (d) At all material times, Respondent has been an employer engaged in commerce within the meaning of Section 2(2), (6) and (7) of the Act.

3.

At all material times, the following individuals held the positions set forth opposite their respective names and have been supervisors of Respondent within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Act, and agents of Respondent within the meaning of Section 2(13) of the Act:



4.

On a date in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2021, a more precise date being currently unknown to the undersigned, Respondent, by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at Respondent's Orlando facility,:

- (a) Told employees not to discuss their pay with other persons.
- (b) Told employees not to complain to higher level managers about their pay or other terms and conditions of employment, notwithstanding Respondent's "open door" policy.

5.

On or about 2022, Respondent, by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at Respondent's Orlando facility:

- (a) Told employees not to discuss the hiring of employees with other persons.
- (b) Told employees not to complain to higher level managers about employees' terms and conditions of employment, notwithstanding Respondent's "open door" policy.

6.

On or about (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2022, Respondent, by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at Respondent's Orlando facility, told employees not to discuss the suspension of an employee with other persons.

7.

On or about (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) 2022, Respondent, by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) by telephone, told employees not to discuss an employee discharge with other persons.

8.

By the conduct described above in paragraphs 4(a), 4(b), 5(a), 5(b), 6 and 7, Respondent has been interfering with, restraining, and coercing employees in the exercise of rights guaranteed in Section 7 of the Act, in violation of Section 8(a)(1) of the Act.

9.

The unfair labor practices of Respondent described above affect commerce within the meaning of Section 2(6) and (7) of the Act.

ANSWER REQUIREMENT

Respondent is notified that, pursuant to Sections 102.20 and 102.21 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, it must file an answer to the complaint. The filed answer must be <u>received by</u>

this office on or before 11:59 p.m. on September 16, 2022. Respondent also must serve a copy of the answer on each of the other parties.

Pursuant to Section 102.5(c) of the Board's Rules and Regulations, the answer must be filed electronically through the Agency's website unless Respondent is unable to file electronically, and accompanies the filing of its answer in paper format with a statement explaining why it does not have access to the means for filing electronically or why filing electronically would impose an undue burden. To file electronically, go to www.nlrb.gov, click on E-File Documents, enter the NLRB Case Number, and follow the detailed instructions. The responsibility for the receipt and usability of the answer rests exclusively upon the sender. Unless notification on the Agency's website informs users that the Agency's E-Filing system is officially determined to be in technical failure because it is unable to receive documents for a continuous period of more than 2 hours after 12:00 noon (Eastern Time) on the due date for filing, a failure to timely file the answer will not be excused on the basis that the transmission could not be accomplished because the Agency's website was off-line or unavailable for some other reason. The Board's Rules and Regulations require that an answer be signed by counsel or non-attorney representative for represented parties or by the party if not represented. See Section 102.21. If the answer being filed electronically is a pdf document containing the required signature, no paper copies of the answer need to be transmitted to the Regional Office. However, if the electronic version of an answer to a complaint is not a pdf file containing the required signature, then the E-filing rules require that such answer containing the required signature continue to be submitted to the Regional Office by traditional means within three (3) business days after the date of electronic filing. Service of the answer on each of the other parties must still be accomplished by means allowed under the Board's Rules and Regulations.

The answer may not be filed by facsimile transmission. If no answer is filed, or if an answer is filed untimely, the Board may find, pursuant to a Motion for Default Judgment, that the allegations in the complaint are true.

NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT on December 6, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., at the NLRB

Hearing Room, 201 E. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 530, Tampa, Florida, and on consecutive days
thereafter until concluded, a hearing will be conducted before an administrative law judge of the
National Labor Relations Board. At the hearing, Respondent and any other party to this
proceeding have the right to appear and present testimony regarding the allegations in this
complaint. The procedures to be followed at the hearing are described in the attached Form
NLRB-4668. The procedure to request a postponement of the hearing is described in the attached
Form NLRB-4338.

Dated: September 2, 2022.

David Cohen, Regional Director National Labor Relations Board, Region 12 201 E. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 530

Tampa, Florida 33602-5824

Attachments

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD NOTICE

Case 12-CA-293359

The issuance of the notice of formal hearing in this case does not mean that the matter cannot be disposed of by agreement of the parties. On the contrary, it is the policy of this office to encourage voluntary adjustments. The examiner or attorney assigned to the case will be pleased to receive and to act promptly upon your suggestions or comments to this end.

An agreement between the parties, approved by the Regional Director, would serve to cancel the hearing. However, unless otherwise specifically ordered, the hearing will be held at the date, hour, and place indicated. Postponements *will not be granted* unless good and sufficient grounds are shown *and* the following requirements are met:

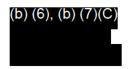
- (1) The request must be in writing. An original and two copies must be filed with the Regional Director when appropriate under 29 CFR 102.16(a) or with the Division of Judges when appropriate under 29 CFR 102.16(b).
- (2) Grounds must be set forth in *detail*;
- (3) Alternative dates for any rescheduled hearing must be given;
- (4) The positions of all other parties must be ascertained in advance by the requesting party and set forth in the request; and
- (5) Copies must be simultaneously served on all other parties (listed below), and that fact must be noted on the request.

Except under the most extreme conditions, no request for postponement will be granted during the three days immediately preceding the date of hearing.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Procedures in NLRB Unfair Labor Practice Hearings

The attached complaint has scheduled a hearing that will be conducted by an administrative law judge (ALJ) of the National Labor Relations Board who will be an independent, impartial finder of facts and applicable law. **You may be represented at this hearing by an attorney or other representative**. If you are not currently represented by an attorney, and wish to have one represent you at the hearing, you should make such arrangements as soon as possible. A more complete description of the hearing process and the ALJ's role may be found at Sections 102.34, 102.35, and 102.45 of the Board's Rules and Regulations. The Board's Rules and regulations are available at the following link: www nlrb.gov/sites/default/files/attachments/basic-page/node-1717/rules and regs part 102.pdf.

The NLRB allows you to file certain documents electronically and you are encouraged to do so because it ensures that your government resources are used efficiently. To e-file go to the NLRB's website at www.nlrb.gov, click on "e-file documents," enter the 10-digit case number on the complaint (the first number if there is more than one), and follow the prompts. You will receive a confirmation number and an e-mail notification that the documents were successfully filed.

Although this matter is set for trial, this does not mean that this matter cannot be resolved through a settlement agreement. The NLRB recognizes that adjustments or settlements consistent with the policies of the National Labor Relations Act reduce government expenditures and promote amity in labor relations and encourages the parties to engage in settlement efforts.

I. BEFORE THE HEARING

The rules pertaining to the Board's pre-hearing procedures, including rules concerning filing an answer, requesting a postponement, filing other motions, and obtaining subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and production of documents from other parties, may be found at Sections 102.20 through 102.32 of the Board's Rules and Regulations. In addition, you should be aware of the following:

- Special Needs: If you or any of the witnesses you wish to have testify at the hearing have special needs and require auxiliary aids to participate in the hearing, you should notify the Regional Director as soon as possible and request the necessary assistance. Assistance will be provided to persons who have handicaps falling within the provisions of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, and 29 C.F.R. 100.603.
- Pre-hearing Conference: One or more weeks before the hearing, the ALJ may conduct a telephonic prehearing conference with the parties. During the conference, the ALJ will explore whether the case may be settled, discuss the issues to be litigated and any logistical issues related to the hearing, and attempt to resolve or narrow outstanding issues, such as disputes relating to subpoenaed witnesses and documents. This conference is usually not recorded, but during the hearing the ALJ or the parties sometimes refer to discussions at the pre-hearing conference. You do not have to wait until the prehearing conference to meet with the other parties to discuss settling this case or any other issues.

II. DURING THE HEARING

The rules pertaining to the Board's hearing procedures are found at Sections 102.34 through 102.43 of the Board's Rules and Regulations. Please note in particular the following:

- Witnesses and Evidence: At the hearing, you will have the right to call, examine, and cross-examine witnesses and to introduce into the record documents and other evidence.
- Exhibits: Each exhibit offered in evidence must be provided in duplicate to the court reporter and a copy of each of each exhibit should be supplied to the ALJ and each party when the exhibit is offered

in evidence. If a copy of any exhibit is not available when the original is received, it will be the responsibility of the party offering such exhibit to submit the copy to the ALJ before the close of hearing. If a copy is not submitted, and the filing has not been waived by the ALJ, any ruling receiving the exhibit may be rescinded and the exhibit rejected.

- Transcripts: An official court reporter will make the only official transcript of the proceedings, and all citations in briefs and arguments must refer to the official record. The Board will not certify any transcript other than the official transcript for use in any court litigation. Proposed corrections of the transcript should be submitted, either by way of stipulation or motion, to the ALJ for approval. Everything said at the hearing while the hearing is in session will be recorded by the official reporter unless the ALJ specifically directs off-the-record discussion. If any party wishes to make off-the-record statements, a request to go off the record should be directed to the ALJ.
- <u>Oral Argument</u>: You are entitled, on request, to a reasonable period of time at the close of the hearing for oral argument, which shall be included in the transcript of the hearing. Alternatively, the ALJ may ask for oral argument if, at the close of the hearing, if it is believed that such argument would be beneficial to the understanding of the contentions of the parties and the factual issues involved.
- <u>Date for Filing Post-Hearing Brief</u>: Before the hearing closes, you may request to file a written brief or proposed findings and conclusions, or both, with the ALJ. The ALJ has the discretion to grant this request and to will set a deadline for filing, up to 35 days.

III. AFTER THE HEARING

The Rules pertaining to filing post-hearing briefs and the procedures after the ALJ issues a decision are found at Sections 102.42 through 102.48 of the Board's Rules and Regulations. Please note in particular the following:

- Extension of Time for Filing Brief with the ALJ: If you need an extension of time to file a post-hearing brief, you must follow Section 102.42 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, which requires you to file a request with the appropriate chief or associate chief administrative law judge, depending on where the trial occurred. You must immediately serve a copy of any request for an extension of time on all other parties and furnish proof of that service with your request. You are encouraged to seek the agreement of the other parties and state their positions in your request.
- <u>ALJ's Decision</u>: In due course, the ALJ will prepare and file with the Board a decision in this matter. Upon receipt of this decision, the Board will enter an order transferring the case to the Board and specifying when exceptions are due to the ALJ's decision. The Board will serve copies of that order and the ALJ's decision on all parties.
- Exceptions to the ALJ's Decision: The procedure to be followed with respect to appealing all or any part of the ALJ's decision (by filing exceptions with the Board), submitting briefs, requests for oral argument before the Board, and related matters is set forth in the Board's Rules and Regulations, particularly in Section 102.46 and following sections. A summary of the more pertinent of these provisions will be provided to the parties with the order transferring the matter to the Board.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD REGION 12

TESLA, INC.

and

Case

12-CA-293359

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) an Individual

RESPONDENT TESLA, INC.'S ANSWER TO COMPLAINT

Pursuant to Sections 102.20 and 102.21 of the Rules and Regulations of the National Labor Relations Board ("NLRB" or "Board"), Tesla, Inc. ("Respondent"), through its undersigned counsel, submits the following answer to the Complaint and Notice of Hearing ("Complaint") according to the Complaint's numbered paragraphs. To the extent the Complaint's introduction contains allegations and legal conclusions, they are denied.

Tesla respectfully contends the Complaint should be dismissed in its entirety on the grounds that the allegations asserted have no basis in law or fact. This matter arises from Tesla's prudent decision to terminate the Charging Party, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), for (b) (6), (b) (a) for (b) (a), (b) (b) (c) a fellow coworker. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) conduct was contrary to Tesla's respectful work environment and violated Tesla policy. Simply put, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) conduct fell far below Tesla's minimum standard of excellence.

Nonetheless, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) turned to the NLRB for relief and claimed Tesla discharged in violation of the National Labor Relations Act ("NLRA" or "Act"). After the Region's investigation into (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) claims, those allegations were withdrawn, with the Region's approval, on August 15, 2022. Instead of closing the matter, the Region pursued new and

different claims against Tesla and chose to file this Complaint, which challenges purported verbal statements that played no role in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) termination.

By way of further answer, the Complaint allegations are procedurally defective and lack merit. Only one Complaint allegation – involving a purported verbal statement by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and/or other employees should not discuss wages with coworkers – was alleged in (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) amended charge, filed more than two months after the original charge. There is also no basis for this allegation, which is contrary to Tesla's written Open Floor policy (providing that "[e]mployees have the right to freely discuss their wages, benefits and terms and conditions of employment, and to raise complaints internally or externally"), and Tesla's voluntary repudiation of the statement under *Passavant Mem'l Area Hosp.*, 237 NLRB 138 (1978). The Region's decision to issue the Complaint ignores this evidence and law, which Tesla provided to the Region.

The remaining Complaint allegations are procedurally improper because they were not the subject of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) original charge or amended charge – or any timely-filed unfair labor practice charge at all. And these allegations too lack merit. For the reasons that follow, and summarized in Tesla's affirmative defenses, Tesla respectfully requests that the Administrative Law Judge and NLRB dismiss the allegations in their entirety.

Tesla further answers the allegations set forth in the numbered paragraphs of the Complaint, as follows:

1. (a) Respondent lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 1(a) of the Complaint and therefore denies them, except to admit that Respondent received a copy of the charge in Case 12-CA-293359.

- (b) Respondent lacks knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations in Paragraph 1(b) of the Complaint and therefore denies them, except to admit that Respondent received a copy of the amended charge in Case 12-CA-293359.
 - 2. (a) Admitted.
 - (b) Admitted.
 - (c) Admitted.
 - (d) Admitted.
- 3. Paragraph 3 of the Complaint sets forth legal conclusions to which no response is necessary. To the extent a response is required, Respondent admits that the individuals listed in Paragraph 3 of the Complaint have been supervisors of the Respondent within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Act and agents of the Respondent within the meaning of Section 2(13) of the Act, with the following correction:
 - (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) current job title is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) . At the times underlying the Complaint allegations, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) job title was (b) (6), (b) (7)(C).
 - (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) job title has been (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
- 4. (a) Admitted, but the allegation is subject to a Section 10(b) affirmative defense as well as Tesla's voluntary repudiation under *Passavant* as addressed in the affirmative defenses that follow.
 - (b) Denied.
 - 5. (a) Denied.
 - (b) Denied.
 - 6. Denied.
 - 7. Denied.

- 8. This paragraph states a legal conclusion to which no answer is required. To the extent a response is required, the allegations are denied.
- 9. This paragraph states a legal conclusion to which no answer is required. To the extent a response is required, the allegations are denied.

Any and all remaining allegations contained in the Complaint are denied.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES

- 1. The Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.
- 2. The alleged conduct described in Paragraphs 4(a) and 4(b) of the Complaint is time-barred by Section 10(b) of the Act because the allegations were not the subject of a timely-filed and served charge.
- 3. Even if the alleged conduct described in Paragraph 4(a) had been the subject of a timely-filed charge, the alleged conduct has been resolved because it was voluntarily repudiated by Respondent, and Respondent took steps to communicate and effectuate that repudiation. *See Passavant Mem'l Area Hosp.*, 237 NLRB 138 (1978).
- 4. The alleged conduct in the Complaint, other than Paragraph 4(a), has not been the subject of *any* filed charge as required by Section 10(b) of the Act. Neither the original charge nor the amended charge sufficiently reference the allegations described in Paragraphs 4(b), 5(a), 5(b), 6, and 7.
- 5. The Complaint also violates Respondent's due process rights in that the Region never informed Respondent about the allegations in Paragraphs 5(a), 6, and 7 before issuing the Complaint containing these allegations.
- 6. All of the Complaint allegations involve purported verbal statements that directly conflict with Respondent's undisputed written "Open Floor" policy, which provides that

"Employees have the right to freely discuss their wages, benefits and terms and conditions of employment, and to raise complaints internally or externally. Tesla encourages you to bring any concerns or complaints you may have to any member of management." The facts alleged in the Complaint cannot constitute any unfair labor practice within the meaning of Section 8(a)(1) of the Act because Respondent's clear written policy effectively eliminates any hypothetical interference, restraint, or coercion of employees in the exercise of rights guaranteed in Section 7 of the Act based on purported conflicting verbal statements.

7. Respondent further reserves the right to amend and/or supplement its answers and affirmative defenses.

WHEREFORE, Respondent respectfully requests that the Complaint be dismissed in its entirety, with prejudice.

Dated: September 16, 2022 Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on September 16, 2022, a copy of Respondent Tesla, Inc.'s Answer to the Complaint in NLRB Case 12-CA-293359 was filed electronically using the NLRB's e-filing system and served by email on the following:

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/s/ Lauren Emery

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD REGION 12

TESLA, INC.

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Case

12-CA-293359

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), an Individual

RESPONDENT TESLA, INC.'S MOTION TO POSTPONE THE HEARING

Pursuant to Section 102.16(a) of the Rules and Regulations of the National Labor Relations Board, Respondent Tesla, Inc. moves to postpone the hearing in the above-referenced matter. In support of this motion, Respondent states the following:

- 1. The Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") hearing is currently scheduled for December 6, 2022. Respondent requests that the hearing be postponed until Thursday, January 19, 2023 and/or Friday, January 20, 2023.
- 2. Respondent is making this request because the undersigned attorney, lead counsel for Respondent in this matter, has a significant, prescheduled arbitration hearing on December 7, 2022 in Bath, Maine, which will require pre-hearing preparation and travel that is not feasible with the ALJ hearing scheduled on December 6, 2022 (whether conducted in-person or via Zoom). The ALJ hearing also may require a second day of hearing, which would then directly conflict with the December 7, 2022 arbitration.
- 3. Lead counsel's December 7, 2022 arbitration was scheduled and confirmed before the Complaint and Notice of Hearing issued in this case on September 2, 2022. Respondent will be substantially prejudiced in presenting its case if its lead counsel is not able to appear to represent Respondent at the hearing. There is no corresponding prejudice to the General

Counsel or Charging Party with a postponement based on the nature of the Complaint's Section 8(a)(1) verbal statement allegations.

4. Respondent's counsel has conferred with Counsel for the General Counsel about this request. Counsel for the General Counsel does not oppose Respondent's request to postpone the hearing to Thursday, January 19, 2023 and/or Friday, January 20, 2023. Counsel for the General Counsel has also indicated the Charging Party does not oppose Respondent's request to postpone the hearing to Thursday, January 19, 2023 and/or Friday, January 20, 2023.

Dated: October 24, 2022 Respectfully submitted,

By:/s/ David R. Broderdorf

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Counsel for Tesla, Inc.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on October 24, 2022, a copy of Respondent Tesla, Inc.'s Motion to Postpone the Hearing in NLRB Case 12-CA-293359 was filed electronically using the NLRB's e-filing system and served by email on the following:

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD REGION 12

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ORDER RESCHEDULING HEARING

IT IS ORDERED that the hearing in the above-entitled matter, previously scheduled to be held on December 6, 2022, at 9:30 a.m., is rescheduled to February 7, 2023, at 9:30 a.m., at the National Labor Relations Board, Hearing Room, 201 E. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 530, Tampa, Florida, and on consecutive days thereafter until concluded.

Dated: November 8, 2022.

David Cohen, Regional Director

National Labor Relations Board, Region 12

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